

V SPECIFIC FOR DIPHTHERIA.

orine Gas Works Won-
ders Where Anti-
Toxin Fails.

TRIED IN JERSEY CITY.

Dr. Bracelin's Discovery
Tested at the Suggestion of
Ex-Senator McPherson.

CURES IN EVERY CASE.

Science Has Taught How to Make
the Gas so Harmless That It
May Be Inhaled.

DOCTORS ARE ENTHUSIASTIC.

John D. Crimmins Offers to Pay for
Experiments Here; but the Board
of Health Seems to Be
Sceptical.

An American bacteriologist has dis-
covered a new cure for diphtheria, and
a dozen prominent citizens of Jersey City
and Chicago declare it will displace anti-
toxin.

That the cure is first heralded from

City, is enthusiastic over the reports re-
ceived from the physicians to whom he
supplied the materials and formulae for
the Bracelin treatment.

"Four physicians have reported won-
derful cures in almost hopeless cases," he said.
Dr. Pendegast and Dr. Hornblower have
had brilliant results from the new treat-
ment. Dr. Parsons and Dr. Hoffman also
report excellent results."

Dr. Edward J. Pendegast lives at No.
47 Cottage street, Jersey City. He was
called by Charles C. Stewart, of No. 357
Summit avenue, on Sunday, May 10, to at-
tend two children, a boy and a girl, who
had fallen ill. Dr. Pendegast found both
the children had diphtheria, and admin-
istered antitoxin serum. The children
grew worse, and on the Thursday follow-
ing Dr. Pendegast called Dr. T. B. Horn-
blower, of No. 631 Bergen avenue, in con-
sultation. Three injections of antitoxin
were given to the children. They grew
rapidly worse. Dr. Hornblower had met
J. J. Russell, whom ex-Senator McPherson
had induced to come to Jersey City to
introduce the Bracelin treatment, and he
suggested to Dr. Pendegast that they try
chlorine inhalations.

A Remarkable Cure.
Dr. Pendegast demurred. The little boy,
who was the worst off, died at midnight on
Thursday, and the girl lay at the point of
death.

"I saw it was a last chance," said Dr.
Pendegast, yesterday, "and I decided to
try chlorine inhalations. The little girl
had reached the stage preceding total
collapse. Her breathing was labored and
rapid, her pulse high and feeble, and her
face had assumed the bluish-purple hue
which shortly precedes death."

"I removed as much of the membrane
from the throat as I could, and then Mr.
Russell applied the chlorine vapor. The
child was too far gone to inhale the gas,
and we had to blow the medicated air into
her lungs through a tube."

"The result was marvellous. Her breath-
ing soon became easier, her cheeks grew
rounder and her pulse became stronger and
more regular. I had been up with the
children for several nights, and finally
went home and left Mr. Russell to con-
tinue the treatment at intervals during the
night."

"When I returned at 7 o'clock next morn-
ing the child was out of danger and on
the high road to recovery. When I called
again at noon she was out of bed and
playing marbles on the floor, and was a
wonderful cure of one of the most malig-

nant cases of diphtheria I have ever at-
tended."

"Dr. Bracelin's vaccine is a preven-
tive as well as a cure for diphtheria and
kindred diseases of the respiratory or-
gans. The Stewarts have three other chil-
dren besides the two who were cured, and
all were exposed to the disease. I gave
them inhalations of the chlorine gas, and
not one of them came down. I had a sore
throat myself after attending the little
Stewarts, and I'm quite sure I should have
had diphtheria had I not inhaled the vapor
two or three times. These inhalations of
five minutes each cured my throat."

"I think Dr. Bracelin has a wonderful
discovery. It is simple enough, and there
is no element of danger attending its ap-
plication."

Dr. Hornblower has expressed his opin-
ion of the chlorine treatment in a letter
to Mr. Russell, under date of May 22,
which reads:

"I am pleased to inform you of the suc-
cessful results which have followed the use of
Dr. Bracelin's chlorine preparation in the
very maligant case of diphtheria in which
it was used at No. 357 Summit avenue, this
city."

"I had very little hope of the child's re-
covery, and I am now much interested to
know what was needed. I regret that it was
not also used in the boy's case, but he was too
rapidly sinking after the third adminis-
tration of the serum, and saw her rapidly im-
prove under the chlorine inhalations, until
she made a satisfactory recovery."

"It is to be hoped this chlorine will prove,
as you claim, a specific for the disease. I
shall take pleasure in calling the attention
of my professional brethren to the apparent
value of this remedy."

To a Journal reporter, Dr. Hornblower
said yesterday: "The chlorine treatment
seems to me to be one of the most valuable
recent additions to medical science. Dr.
Bracelin has certainly solved the problem
of diverting the antiseptic and bactericidal
chlorine gas of its irritating and caustic
action, and has made it a harmless and ef-
fective gargle in diphtheria for years, but it
could not approach the chlorine gas in ef-
ficacy. The gas is a prophylactic germi-
cide, and it also stimulates the disintegrated
tissue."

"The recovery of the Stewart child was
wonderful. It was a case of diphtheria, and
the chlorine treatment was surely as was her
little brother. I am using the gas in a
few cases of diphtheria which developed to-
day. There is no doubt that it will be a
success."

Other Cases Under Treatment.
Dr. Parsons, of No. 311 York street, Jer-
sey City, reported the cure of an almost
hopeless case of diphtheria by the new
treatment. The patient is a Mr. Hargan,
who lives at No. 4 Morton place.

"The disease had reached the septic
stage," said Dr. Parsons. "Mr. Hargan
was as sick as a man as I ever saw recover.
Gillies, aged eleven years, who lives at No.
131 Mercer street. In Gillies' case the
Board of Health's bacteriologist had taken
culture and reported 'malignant diphter-
ia.' The boy recovered in thirty-six
hours under the chlorine treatment."

"The best thing about the chlorine gas
is that it possesses no element
of danger," said Mr. Russell yesterday.
"Of course the liquid, if it touched the
eyes, would cause the skin off, but it is only
the vapor that is inhaled. The city bac-
teriologist of Chicago reports, after ex-
periments, that it destroys life in the
Krebs-Loeffler bacillus and the diphtheria
bacillus—the rod-shaped bacilli, as the
scientists term it, because of its shape. A
colony of these bacilli under a microscope
look like a handful of chopped hay dropped
on a table, except that they are in motion.
I have tried to get the New York Board
of Health to make tests of the new treat-
ment, but there seems to be a disposition
to consider anti-toxin as the final solution
of diphtheria treatment."

"John D. Crimmins, following the ex-
ample of ex-Senator McPherson, offered to
bear the expense of making thorough tests
of the chlorine treatment at Willard Parker
Hospital, but Dr. Fowler declined to con-
sider the proposition. It was at Arch-
bishop's suggestion that I called on
Mr. Crimmins, and at once he agreed to
buy all the necessary materials if the
Board of Physicians would make a thor-
ough trial at the contagious disease hos-
pitals."

Dr. Fowler and Dr. Benedict were not at
the Board of Health headquarters yester-
day. Dr. Morris was in charge of the
Board of Contagious Diseases. Dr. Blau-
velt, of the same bureau, was in the
office.

"I haven't heard of a proposition to test
a new cure for diphtheria," said Dr.
Morris. "I never heard of a chlorine gas
treatment in Jersey City or elsewhere. I
do not think the Board will try it at the
hospitals. Chlorine gas is irritating to the
throat and lungs. It will asphyxiate if
inhaled in large quantities. One might as
well inhale sulphur smoke. I do not think
it can be diverted of its dangerous prop-
erties, and I do not know that it could be of
value in the treatment of diphtheria in any
event."

Dr. Blauvelt said: "I do not think we
shall try experiments with chlorine gas at
the hospitals. As for those Jersey City
cures, I think the anti-toxin cured the
patients, and chlorine gas got the credit
for it."

YERKES'S LENS IN DANGER.
An Accident to the Floor of the Big Tele-
scope That Will Delay Observa-
tions for Months.

Williams Bar, Wis., May 30.—The elevat-
ing floor of the great Yerkes telescope had
a mysterious fall yesterday, which will in

fluence the observations for months.

The fire marshal is investigating the
cause of a fire, which was discovered at
3:30 o'clock yesterday morning, on the
fourth floor of the five-story tenement house
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His wife looked far and wide for him,
but her search was in vain, so she went
to her father by Burgo. Recently Spero
was seen in this city, and this news led
Mrs. Spero to return to this country and
again renew her search for her runaway
spouse.

ENTIRE TOWN IN ASHES.
The Eighteen Hundred Inhabitants of Nam-
sro, Norway, Were Unable to Save
Even Their Furniture.

Christiania, May 30.—The town of
Namsro, Province of North Trondhjem,
near the mouth of the Namsen River, on
the Namsen Fjord, west coast of Norway,
has been entirely destroyed by fire.

The flames, fanned by a fierce wind,
spread so rapidly that the 1,800 inhabitants
were unable to save even their furniture.

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THERE'S ROMANCE IN THIS MYSTERY.

Would-be Suicide May Be
Tangled Up in a
Love Affair.

HAS A WOMAN'S PICTURE.

There Is No Clue As to Her
Identity, and He Keeps
Silence.

DID HE PLAY A SHREWD GAME?

Bellevue Attendants Surmise He In-
tended Only to Signify That
He Was Anxious to Die
for Love.

Bellevue Hospital has a mystery that
promises a romance of rare interest. There
are only two who can solve it. One is a
young man who, as told in the Journal
yesterday, attempted to end his life by
landanum Saturday night. The other is a
young woman, whose picture was found in
the young man's pocket. Perhaps she is
the young man's kinsman, but the doctors
believe her to be the would-be suicide's
sweetheart and to have to do with his
strange life.

The young man is now as well as if he
had never taken an ounce of landanum,
but he will have to face a police court
Justice, and answer to a charge of attempting
suicide. When asked his name yesterday
he was sullen and silent and would give
no information about himself, except that
he is thirty-three years old—he looks ten
years younger—and that he has been in
America thirteen years. He is of English
descent, has black eyes, black hair, regular
features and is five feet eight inches tall.
He had in his pocket 14 cents and a red
morocco card case. His hands are soft,
and in dress and bearing he would be
taken for a clerk fairly prosperous. The
girl's picture was set in a silver frame. On
the back was written: "Good-by, sweet-
heart. L. L. E. W."

After he had taken the landanum the
young man approached Policeman Clark,
in East Fifth street, and told him about
his attempt to die. An ambulance took
him to Bellevue, where the poison was
pumped out of him. Some one was in-
considerate enough to suggest that he wanted
to commit a homicidal young woman that
he really loved her and at the same time
make sure not to kill himself. He is now
in the prison ward.

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100,000 IN THE PARK.

Music on the Mall, and but One Run-
away as the Day's
Record.

While the nearby Summer resorts draw
a large quota of visitors yesterday, it is
doubtful, in face of the figures, if any of
them attracted nearly as many as Central
Park. Secretary Leary estimates that fully
100,000 were in the Park during the day.

The crowd gathered early, and would have
stayed later, but for the rainstorm.

It was the first holiday of the season and
every man wore his best hat and tucker.
In steady streams the crowd began swarming
in. The lightkeepers, in the main, were
visitors from out of town, or from the
poorer sections of the city. These choked
the walks leading to the "Zoo," and crowd-
ed about the tank, where the hippo family
hold a levee all day; the monkey house
was the next attraction for degree of
potency, and the bird house and
carnegie building were the last.

The police to-day rated a picnic given
to celebrate the Anarchists' release, and
captured forty-seven men. They ran the
"Marsellaise" with great vigor while be-
ing marched to the patrol wagon, and also
the "Germans" up. Butler and Nold re-
gard their arrest as a success.

The prisoners will be charged with un-
lawful assemblage and with selling liquor
on Sunday and without license. The quan-
tity of Herr Most literature was seized by
the police.

HIS SON THE FOOTPAD.

Young Coombs Arrested for Assaulting and
Robbing His Aged Father on the
Public Highway.

Stoughton, Mass., May 30.—Charles E.
Eugene Coombs, twenty-four years of age,
was arrested to-night, charged with as-
saulting and robbing his father, Joseph
Coombs, aged sixty, on the highway at
West Stoughton last night.

It is alleged that he jumped upon his
father, put his foot on the old man's neck,
pore his clothes and robbed him of \$47.
The old man's condition is regarded as
critical.

When young Coombs was arrested he
was about to take a train for Boston, and
all the money was found on his person.

Secretary Alker at West Point.
West Point, N. Y., May 30.—Many dis-
tinguished officers of the United States
army, and other invited guests have arrived
to attend the dedication ceremony of Bat-
tle Monument to-morrow. Among the num-
ber are the Secretary of War, Adjutant-
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Portrait
Found in the
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On the Back of Her Portrait a Would-Be-Suicide Wrote,
"Goodby Sweetheart."

The man and the woman are alike unknown. He stopped a policeman in
the street Saturday night and told him he had taken landanum. He is in
Bellevue and will recover. The portrait was found in his pocket. He will
niles the charge.

FAIR FREIGHT GETS A FRIGHT.

Hoffman House. Elevator
Halts Suddenly Be-
tween Floors.

"LET US OUT!" THE CRY.

Women and Their Escorts All
but Panic Stricken by a
Trifling Accident.

"Down!" said the elevator boy.
The roof garden restaurant of the Hoff-
man House was crowded. Men and women
in all their Sunday bravery were there, and
some of them wanted to descend. The ele-
vator filled slowly.

The men stood by to make way for the
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Students Painted the Prince-
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POLICEMAN WAS FOOLED.

On Duty at the Memorial, but
He Wandered Away to See
Who Struck the Big Bell.

CHEMISTRY EXPERTS CALLED IN

Professors Prescribe Three Coal-
oil
Plaster in the Hope That It Will
Take Up the Paint—No Clue
to the Culprits.